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This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **December 22 – December 29**.

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COCA News and Announcements

Recent COCA Calls:

EMS and Ebola: Field Experience with Transporting Patients

Date: Monday, December 15, 2014

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_121514.asp

HIV Care Continuum: Keeping the Spotlight on Screening, Prevention, and Treatment

Date: Thursday, December 18, 2014

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_121814.asp

Archived COCA conference calls are available at emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp.

Free continuing education credits (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, CECH, and AAVSB/RACE) are available for most calls. For more information about free CE, visit emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp

CDC Emergency Response – CDC Response to 2014 Ebola in the United States and West Africa

NEW: Ebola Must Go: Bury All Dead Bodies Safely

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/case-counts.html

Updated: Case Counts

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/case-counts.html

NEW: Interim Guidance for Ebola Virus Cleaning, Disinfection, and Waste Disposal in Commercial Passenger Aircraft

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/prevention/cleaning-commercial-passenger-aircraft.html

NEW: Questions and Answers about Ebola and Food Safety in the United States

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/transmission/qas-food-safety.html

NEW: 2014 Ebola Outbreak in West Africa - Cumulative Reported Cases Graphs

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/cumulative-cases-graphs.html

NEW: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Interim Guidance for Managers and Workers Handling Untreated Sewage from Suspected or Confirmed Individuals with Ebola in the U.S.

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/prevention/faq-untreated-sewage.html

CDC News and Announcements

CDC Science Clips: Volume 6, Issue: 51 – (CDC)

Each week select science clips are shared with the public health community to enhance awareness of emerging scientific knowledge. The focus is applied public health research and prevention science that has the capacity to improve health now.

www.cdc.gov/library/sciclips/issues/

Public Health Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness and Response – (CDC)

Find preparedness resources for all hazards.

emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp

Emergency Preparedness and Response Training Resources for Clinicians – (CDC)

Find online and in-person training resources at

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp

Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

Food and Water Needs: Preparing for a Disaster or Emergency – (CDC)

emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp

Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – (CDC)

emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

MMWR publications are prepared by CDC. To electronically subscribe, go to

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- [Outbreak of Cryptosporidiosis Among Responders to a Rollover of a Truck Carrying Calves — Kansas, April 2013](#)
- [Update: Influenza Activity — United States, September 28–December 6, 2014](#)
- [Update: Ebola Virus Disease Epidemic — West Africa, December 2014](#)
- [Challenges in Responding to the Ebola Epidemic — Four Rural Counties, Liberia, August–November 2014](#)
- [Support Services for Survivors of Ebola Virus Disease — Sierra Leone, 2014](#)
- [Reintegration of Ebola Survivors into Their Communities — Firestone District, Liberia, 2014](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Fatal Rat-Bite Fever in a Child — San Diego County, California, 2013](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Measles Transmission at a Domestic Terminal Gate in an International Airport — United States, January 2014](#)

Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

Seasonal Influenza

What You Should Know for the 2014-2015 Influenza Season

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2014-2015.htm>

Information for Health Professionals

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/index.htm>

Weekly Flu View – December 29 (CDC)

Flu View is a weekly influenza surveillance report prepared by CDC's Influenza Division. All data are preliminary and may change as CDC receives more reports.

www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Planning and Preparedness: Health Professionals and Seasonal Flu – (HHS)

Healthcare providers play an important role during flu season. The following guidance and information will assist healthcare providers and service organizations to plan and respond to seasonal flu.

www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html

Travel Safety

Current Travel Warnings – December 29 (U.S. Department of State)

The U.S. Department of State issues Travel Warnings when long-term, protracted conditions make a country dangerous or unstable. Travel Warnings recommend that Americans avoid or carefully consider the risk of travel to that country. The State Department also issues Travel Warnings when the U.S. government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of State Department staff.

travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html

Food, Drug, and Device Safety

MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program – (FDA)

MedWatch is your Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gateway for clinically important safety information and reporting serious problems with human medical products.

www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm

FoodSafety.gov: Reports of FDA and USDA Food Recalls, Alerts, Reporting, and Resources – (HHS/USDA/FDA/CDC/NIH)

Foodsafety.gov lists notices of recalls and alerts from both FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Visitors to the site can report a problem or make inquiries.

www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html

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[Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity](#) – resources for health care providers

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[Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication Training](#) – training program that draws from lessons learned during public health emergencies, and incorporates best practices from the fields of risk and crisis communication

[Health Alert Network](#) – CDC's primary method of sharing cleared information about urgent public health incidents with public information officers; federal, state, territorial, and local public health practitioners; clinicians; and public health laboratories



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